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NEWS IN CLUES

He is the first Indian actor to be paid ₹1 crore for a single film

CLUE 1: His original name is Parthasarathy Srinivasan
CLUE 2: He has the highest number of films submitted from India for Oscars
CLUE 3: A movie of his was listed by the Time magazine among the Top 100 best films of all time

ANSWER: KAMAL HAASAN. The actor, who kickstarted the first phase of campaigning for Tamil Nadu assembly polls, due in April-May 2021, questioned the need for a new parliament building, asking PM Narendra Modi about the need to spend ₹1,000 crore "when half of India is hungry due to coronavirus pandemic triggered loss of livelihoods".

Seven of Haasan's movies have been India's official entry to the Oscars in the Best Foreign Language Film category. He starred in Mani Ratnam's 'Nayakan' in 1987, which was included by the Time magazine in the 100 best films of all time in 1997



FACTOID



60°C

Could be the temperature in many parts of the world by 2050, warns the World Economic Forum (WEF) in its latest report. "This level of extreme heat would have been almost impossible in the absence of human-caused global warming," the report said

Some extreme weather events, such as heat and coldwaves, intense precipitation events, and regional droughts have become more frequent and intense

BEWARE!

- By 2030, climate change-related illnesses is likely to kill 250,000 people each year
- According to the report, up to 8 per cent of the global population will witness a severe reduction in water availability in the near future
- Bangladesh,

Vietnam and Thailand will be threatened by annual floods, sparking mass migration

- By 2100s, Florida will disappear and south Spain will become a desert
- Up to 140 million people are expected to be displaced by 2050 because of food and water insecurity as well as extreme weather

CAUSES & CHALLENGES

1 One of the biggest contributors to climate change is pollution. ABOUT 100 COMPANIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 71% OF GLOBAL EMISSIONS, according to a Carbon Majors report

2 The biggest challenge that our environment faces is climate change. Polar ice caps are melting SIX TIMES FASTER than they were in the 1990s. Greenland and Antarctica have lost more than 6.4 trillion ice between 1992 and 2017. Sea levels, on average, have risen eight inches since the 1880s



Greenhouse gas emissions reached a new high last year, putting us on course for an average temperature rise of 3 degrees Celsius. According to experts, 2020 could be the hottest year yet on record, as temperatures continue to soar



The commitments made in Paris in 2015 were far from enough to limit temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius. If we don't change course, we may be headed for a catastrophic temperature rise of more than 3.0 degrees this century. Therefore, I call on all the world leaders to declare a State of Climate Emergency in their countries until carbon neutrality is reached

Antonio Guterres, UN Chief

Since world leaders pledged to limit global temperature rises to 2 degrees Celsius in 2015, a lot has happened, but the action needed is still nowhere in sight. We are still speeding in the wrong direction. The global decision-makers are wasting time creating new loopholes with empty words and creative accounting

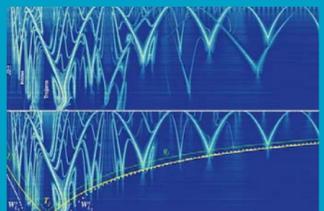
Greta Thunberg, climate activist, on the urgency to deal with climate change



INTO THE FUTURE

SUPERHIGHWAY SYSTEM DISCOVERED IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM!

In a pathbreaking discovery, astronomers have revealed a new 'superhighway' network running through the solar system, which, according to them, could speed up space travel in the future. The scientists looked at the orbits of millions of bodies in our solar system and computed how they fit together and interact.



THE SIGNIFICANCE

- The highways allow objects to move through space much faster than previously thought possible - for example, such routes can drive comets and asteroids near Jupiter to Neptune in less than 10 years
- Scientists are also hopeful that space agencies could make use of these superhighways to speed up travel time from the Earth to distant parts of the solar system

ROBOTS CAN ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE GREATER RISKS

Even as the scale of interaction between humans and technology increases, a new research has shown that people tend to take more risks when prodded by a robot.

IT'S A TECH WORLD

The research showed that robots can encourage people to take greater risks in a simulated gambling scenario than they would, if there was nothing to influence their behaviours.

Researchers believe that further studies are needed to see whether similar results would emerge from human interaction with other artificial intelligence (AI) systems, such as digital assistants or on-screen avatars

According to researchers, while on one hand, the results might raise alarms about the prospect of robots causing harm by increasing risky behaviour, the data also points to the possibility of using robots and AI in preventive programmes, such as anti-smoking campaigns in colleges and universities, and with hard to reach population, such as addicts



HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR 'THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS': NOLAN

ENTERTAINMENT



Like millions around the world, actor Christopher Nolan has revealed that he too loves the 'Fast and the Furious' movies. The action-thriller series of movies has been around since 2001, and has spawned eight films (with two more to go) and a spinoff.

The ninth Fast and the Furious movie, 'F9', is slated to release on May 28, 2021

I have a soft spot for Justin Lin's 'Tokyo Drift,' the third iteration in the franchise that was released in 2006. The fun thing about those movies is that even as they've gotten bigger, as sequels have to do, actually, we're the people making sequels get bigger and bigger

— CHRISTOPHER NOLAN

No winter session of Parliament this year: Government

It's official. The government will skip this year's winter session of Parliament due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Parliament will meet for the Budget Session in January next year. This was confirmed by parliamentary affairs minister Prahlad Joshi in his reply to the Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury had earlier sent a letter to the Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla demanding that a short winter session of Parliament be convened to discuss the issues arising out of farmers' protest over the three farm bills passed during the monsoon session in September.

- In the past two years, the Budget Session of Parliament began in January— January 28 in 2018 and January 31 in 2019
- This year the monsoon session was delayed due to coronavirus and was held in September instead of July
- Besides, it was cut short by 10 days due to the Covid-19 situation
- Earlier, the Budget session of Parliament had to be cut short due to Covid-19 outbreak in the country

BTS 6th most-tweeted about people worldwide in 2020

K-pop superstar BTS has made it to the sixth most-tweeted about people globally, data from Twitter showed, in apparent proof of the seven-member group's strong influence in the social media platform.



- BTS also topped the Twitter's list of the most-tweeted about K-pop accounts globally this year for the fourth year in a row, followed by boy band Exo and girl group Blackpink
- Twitter added that a tweet of BTS member Jungkook covering a song by US musician Lauv in May was the second most-retweeted tweet worldwide this year at over 1.6 million times, followed by the tweet of American actor Chadwick Boseman's death
- BTS has also smashed records this year, with its new 'Life Goes On' becoming the first Korean song to top Billboard's main singles chart

BLUE IVY CARTER MAKES HISTORY AS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST GRAMMY NOMINEES

Like parents, like daughter— Blue Ivy Carter, the eight-year-old daughter of Beyoncé and Jay-Z, has been nominated for a Grammy Award. Carter is listed as a featured artist for her role in the song 'Brown Skin Girl' alongside Beyoncé, singer WizKid and SAINT JHN. This is Carter's first Grammy nomination. It makes her one of the youngest nominees in the awards show's history. She turns nine in January, ahead of the 2021 awards show.

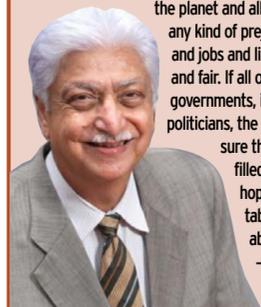


- According to Billboard, the youngest Grammy nominee was eight-year-old Leah Peasall, who was nominated in the 'album of the year' category in 2001 for her performance in the 'O Brother, Where Art Thou?' soundtrack. She went on to win the award
- The youngest musician in Grammys history to receive an individual Grammy nomination, rather than as a featured artist, was DeLeon Richards

Quote unquote

The pandemic has been a magnifying glass for all our structural inequities and injustices, which exclude millions of our fellow citizens from a life of basic dignity. It has made clear that while markets and businesses have an irreplaceable role in a society, even more fundamental are the public goods and public systems. The agenda for the nation must include food, shelter, safety and basic social security; equitable and high quality public education and public health systems; care for the planet and all life on it; elimination of any kind of prejudice and discrimination; and jobs and livelihoods that are just and fair. If all of us come together — governments, industry, civil society, politicians, the average citizen — I am sure this agenda can be fulfilled. And then, we can truly hope to have a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society

—AZIM PREMJI, founder chairman, Wipro



5 habits to develop high social skills



Being socially active is always a plus, whether it is at your workplace, school, college, community, etc. While some are born to be social butterflies, others work their way through the social ladder. We bring to you some common habits of people with high social skills

Maintain eye contact

The first thing people notice are eyes. So, maintaining eye contact during a conversation is crucial and shows that you are interested in talking to the other person. It is the first step towards effective socialisation.

Listen to what others say

Having the ability to listen carefully with patience is a quality few people have. If other people are trusting you with their words, it is up to you how you receive them. Sometimes just listening to the person can be very com-



forting (to the person) rather than providing your inputs into the conversation. That is a peaceful sign of support that people really appreciate.

Always have something to talk about

You don't want to appear clueless when someone tries to talk to you about a matter that you know nothing about. So, it's best to be updated about recent news, incidents and have an opinion on strong matters. This way, you will feel confident about meeting people and talking to them with-

Maintain eye contact while having a conversation with anyone but don't stare; look interested and engage well

out inhibitions or any kind of shyness.

Be interested in people's matters

If you appear to be curious about a person's matter and indulge in conversations regarding them, people will regard you as an attentive person. Talk with people about their interests and passions and motivations; about what matters to them. If the person opens up to you effortlessly, your conversational ways are a success. Carry on and keep it up. 🙌



REASONS

Why sports is important in a Student's Life



Sports are a crucial part of a student's growth and development. They help in the development of mental health and physical fitness of the body. Through participation in sports and games, a student gains various skills, experience and confidence that are helpful for developing their personality.

GIVEN BELOW ARE THE REASONS WHY SPORTS AND GAMES ARE ESSENTIAL IN A STUDENT'S LIFE:

> IMPROVES PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH: One of the main benefits of sports and games is to boost the physical and mental health of a student. Sports is played between teams in a healthy competitive environment, which ensures that the student remains active and fit. Outdoor sports like football, cricket, tennis, swimming, running,

etc, keeps the body and mind active. Indoor games like chess, badminton, and table tennis enhance the concentration levels of kids and also strengthens the immunity system of the body.

> EMPOWERS STUDENTS WITH LIFE SKILLS: Sports helps in developing life skills too. It enhances students' capabilities and helps them to have a better understanding of themselves. Sports also helps in developing social skills and understanding team spirit. They learn to interact not only with children of their age but also with adults like their coaches. Additionally, children acquire decision-making skills through various team activities.

> LEARN TIME MANAGEMENT AND DISCIPLINE: Constructive use of time and discipline is a major characteristic of any sports person. If a student plays a sport, he/she needs to show the commitment of time to be in a particular place at a particular time every day as a part of their routine. This teaches self-discipline to students.



PANDEMIC ETIQUETTE

How to politely ask someone to wear a mask

Have you been in situations when you are in a grocery store and a person or many around are not wearing a face mask or not wearing it in the correct way (nose out, hanging around the jawline, etc). These things are bound to make you feel unsafe. So what is the right thing to do then? Is it okay to point out to people about their mask behaviour or just move away? Check these tips to get your Covid era etiquette right.

THE RIGHT THING TO DO

The primary and the safest option is to stay away from all those people who are not wearing a mask or not wearing one correctly. Maintain a six feet distance and ensure you are following all the norms to stay safe from the infectious virus. It might be frustrating to do, but it is always a better idea than



make the other person less likely to change. This is a general rule. So, it is better not to get into any kind of conflict and maintain the distance.

■ Avoid visiting areas that are crowded as there will always be some people who may not follow face mask rules. It's also a good idea to not visit public places at peak hours

HOW TO CONFRONT

If it's not possible to maintain the distance and you are in a high-risk area then be polite and discreet while asking people to wear their face masks; rage and threat will only make the matter worse. Request them to wear a mask for the safety of others. Make sure you are not loud enough to be heard by everyone. Talk from a safe distance so that only two of you can hear. We are still adjusting to this new lifestyle - so, say it with a smile!

confrontation. That's because people don't like to be schooled by others. So, if you will go and ask the other person to wear a mask, there are chances that they might not take it well and get offended. It is impossible to achieve any objective by violating, shaming or embarrassing others. Doing any of these things will



COMMON COLOURS

SURYAKUMARI DENNISON, teacher, Aavishkar Academy, Bengaluru

Each group of words has a colour in common. The colours are linked to songs, symbols, people, places, films, fiction and figurative speech. Choose correctly from the four options.

Example: Mars, welcoming carpet, girl-wolf-grandmother, Moscow landmark
A. Indigo B. Yellow C. Red D. Violet
Answer: Red (Planet, Carpet, Riding Hood, Square)

1 Ruskin Bond umbrella, marine mammal, lapis lazuli, Jodhpur
A. Pink B. Brown C. Purple D. Blue

2 Robin Hood, backstage room, send-off signal, Hulk
A. Orange B. Green C. Grey D. Black

3 US residence, polite lie, rare tiger, Jack London's 'Fang'
A. White B. Brown C. Grey D. Violet

4 Pikachu, referee warning, business directory, Beatles' submarine
A. Blue B. Red C. Yellow D. Purple

5 Helen Keller-inspired film, underground economy, petroleum, Horse 'Beauty'
A. Indigo B. Green C. Pink D. Black

Answers:

1) D. Blue 2) B. Green 3) A. White 4) C. Yellow 5) D. Black

QUIZ TIME (MIXED BAG)

Q.1) The members of the Rajya Sabha are elected by....
A. the people B. Lok Sabha C. elected members of the legislative assembly D. elected members of the Legislative Council

Q.2) The position of a chief minister is....
A. similar to that of the Prime Minister B. identical to that of the President C. a combination of the position of the Prime Minister and President D. not constitutional

Q.3) The members of the Rajya Sabha are elected for a term...
A. of six years B. determined by the state legislative assembly of a state C. of four years D. none of the above

Q.4) The President can advance money to meet unforeseen expenses, pending authorisation by Parliament, from...
A. the Consolidated Fund of India B. the Contingency Fund C. both the above funds D. none of the above

ANSWERS

1. C) elected members of the legislative assembly.
2. A) similar to that of the Prime Minister 3. A) of six years 4. B) the Contingency Fund

PERCEPTRON 2020

BUILDING THE CHANGE-MAKERS OF TOMORROW

DANYA DALVI, TEACHER,
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MIRA ROAD



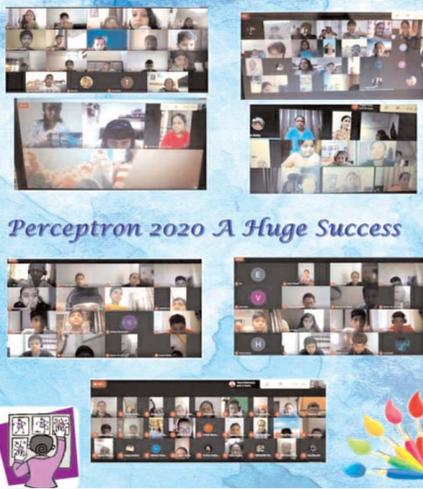
Every once in a while, a new technology, an old problem and a big idea turn into an innovation" this quote by Dean Kamen is able to capture in its simplicity, the essence of the first edition of Perceptron- An online techno fest, hosted by Podar International School, Mira road. More than ever, in the past 8 months we have realised that when all systems and mechanism broke down because of a virus as small as a speck of dust, technology acted as crutches to help us revamp and more importantly rethink the old systems and make way for the new. Therefore, I feel there is no better time than this to not only accept but also embrace this 'new normal' and get students actively involved in innovation and problem solving by the means of technology, which is the primary motive behind Perceptron 2020. The wave of thunder of Perceptron 2020, a fest for all tech geeks, has received an overwhelming participation of over 500 students pan India, from Grade 1 to 12.

According to Norina Fernandes, principal, Podar International School Mira Road, "Design and Creativity in education can be manifested explicitly and beauti-

fully with the help of technology. Perceptron 2020 is using technology with a cause, few of our concerns are- environment, SDG', creative aspect of learning." Perceptron 2020 is not just a technology fest as it also aims to inculcate, along with technological knowledge and efficiency, skills that are above and beyond what a screen can teach them. The themes of the

various events for the four categories reflect some invaluable skills that need to be instilled in the tender minds so that they can become change-makers of tomorrow. With themes like Save water, Wildlife, 3 R's- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle- the students will develop a sensitivity towards the environment and push them towards finding practical solutions to the problems that plague our environment. As they work towards creating their own projects that highlight solutions more than the problem itself, students will think critically and analytically, to reach a plausible solution. While undertaking the projects on Urban Planning and restructuring as well as Cyber Bullying- a need for social change, students will have to find solutions only by deeply thinking and feeling the problems faced by the citizens who are collateral of inefficient city planning as well as cyberbullying, they grow empathetic towards the suffering of others. Needless to say, as they feel, think, solve and create in Perceptron 2020, they, in turn, get equipped to lead and that is the ultimate goal of this mega project, to make the change-makers and leaders of tomorrow.

Perceptron 2020 aims on creating at Podar International School, Miraroad, a unique and necessary hybrid of citizens with the sensibility of Greta Thunberg fused with the skills of Mark Zuckerberg and educational upliftment of girl child like Ranjit Desale. Perceptron 2020 will be a path breaker in education.



Perceptron 2020 A Huge Success

A PLACE OF SOLACE

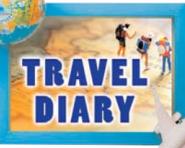


My trip to Matheran - a hill station, not far from Mumbai - was not a long one but was surely an exciting one. The beautiful panoramas displayed by the green robed mountains left me spellbound. Vehicles are forbidden after a point named Dasturi Naka. So, to reach Matheran, you need to travel on foot or hire carts or horses. We opted to walk from Dasturi Naka to our hotel while our luggage enjoyed the ride on carts. On our way, we were welcomed by the natives - the monkeys. As every other hill station, Matheran too had an Echo point, a Sunrise point and a Sunset

point. However, the Lion Head point really fascinated me; the natural rocks formed an unexpected shape of a lion's head. I could see the clouds below me and they gave a glimpse of a beautiful lake, reflecting the vast, blue sky. We also visited a bio-gas plant which provided fuel for the kitchens of local households and restaurants. Sitting on the horseback and travelling on a bumpy road, covered with wet soil, was a different adventure in itself. As we entered a local market, we saw shopkeepers displaying a wide range of souvenirs - jellies, fudges, bags, shoes and many more. We jostled our way through the narrow streets flooded with tourists. For me, this short trip was a break from the busy routine of the cities and a medium to bring me close to nature.



Varada Shendye, class IX, SSPM's Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir, Borivall East



MY SCHOOL, MY HOME

School is a kind of a tiny world, which gives us all the experiences, the good, better and the best

A lot of children are missing the opportunity of going to school, for some of them, this might be the last year. We used to think that schools are so boring but now that we are stuck at home and only have online classes to attend, we really miss school. School is the place where most of the childhood memories are made. From the moment you make new friends



was considered to be the best but every school had that one teacher who didn't miss the opportunity to grab the games period to complete her portion. You cannot say you enjoyed school unless you ate tiffin sneakily during classes without the teacher noticing. Students hanging out in groups during recess, boys running around the hallways, boys fighting and the entire school watching their drama. These were some fabulous memories which we will never forget. I feel sorry for the students who could not enjoy their last year in school due to corona virus.

Radhika Chopra, class IX, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi



to hanging out in bathrooms to miss classes and every teacher having a nickname she didn't really know about. The friends you made throughout your life and all the life lessons you never knew were taught in school. The games period

WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION

'Commit yourself to the noble struggle for human rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in-Martin Luther King, Jr.'

In an attempt to empathise with mankind and its sufferings across the globe, the students of DAV International School, Kharghar planned the practice of the UN workings under simulated conditions i.e. the DAVMUN: 2020 on the virtual platform. This was in accordance with the theme of the UN for the year 2020: "Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights".

Understanding that " We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by Covid-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, system-

support etc.

UNDP, chaired by Sanyukta Gedam and Aneesh Sathe worked on the twin agenda of 'Improvement in the education system with special emphasis on third-world nations' and 'Accessibility of education in war-torn countries'.

UNSC chaired by Mohnish Mishra and Nishant Das committed to the cause of 'The geo-political disputes within the South Asian countries'. This included the Korean peninsula, the Sino-Indian border dispute and the geo-political tensions in the South-China Sea.

The event began with the invocation of the Almighty followed by the rendition of the school prayer and anthem. The delegates were blessed by the Principal, Mrs. Seema Mairdiratta and the coordinators and teachers. The session formally commenced with the declaration by the Secretary General.

The two day meet witnessed heated debates, arguments, pacts, lobbying but at the end an amicable solution to all the problems.

The two-day event ended with a vibrant Felicitation Ceremony showcasing the efforts of the eminent social crusaders like Colin Gonsalves, Medha Patkar, from Sharmila and the Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi; and the recitation of a self composed poem, 'Acceptance' echoing the sentiments of the meeting. This was followed by the prize distribution ceremony.

The event ended with the Vote of Thanks proposed by

the Executive Board member. The principal, Seema Mairdiratta, congratulated the team for the smooth and effective conduct of the events. She emphasised on the need to cherish the noble qualities of Humanity thereby making the Earth a better place to live in.

As a part of the World Human Rights Celebration Day, DAVMUN 2020 - an interactive debate and leadership summit on the workings of the United Nations - was held on Microsoft Teams by the teachers and student delegates of DAV International School, Kharghar.

A crisp speech by the Secretary-General of the Conference inspired the delegates to give their hundred percent in the summit. Then, the Executive Board Members of the respective committees - UNSC, UNDP, WHO and UNHRC - gave the insights on workings of the individual committees and their subsequent agendas of debate. After this, the delegates were requested to join the respective meetings, according to their allotted committee.

On both the days, the delegates were judged based on their fluency, command over emotions, ability to handle pressure, body language and their respective research about the agenda by the Special Judges appointed by the organising committee.

End of day two commenced with a soul touching poem, followed by galvanising speech by the students about the Human Rights Activists- Medha Patkar, from Sharmila, Colin Gonsalves and the Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi, who have taken up the cause of the upliftment and betterment of the marginalized communities.



atic, and inter-generational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination"; the young delegates of DAV Kharghar made a careful selection of the committee agendas. Starting with the World Health Organisation (WHO) chaired by Arya Jade and Kushagra Singhal, the agenda was 'Improving access to immunisation and halting the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases.'

UNHRC, chaired by Meenal Singh and Bhinit Kumar Rout, focussed on the 'Repatriation of refugees with special emphasis in the MENA region'. This agenda focussed on the Middle East and North African regions and their situation with refugees and their repatriation. The committee revolved around the causes, concerns, challenges, funding, international

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IS FLAWED TECHNIQUE LEADING TO INCREASED CONCUSSION INCIDENTS?

In less than two weeks, the short ball delivery has knocked out Will Pucovski, Harry Conway and Ravindra Jadeja, while Cameron Green suffered a shocking blow to the head while bowling in Australia A's recent tour match against the Indians at the SCG. Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has blamed poor technique for increased concussion incidents



England batsman Stuart Broad ducks a bouncer

Batsmen committing themselves to front-foot

I think it is more to do with the fact that everybody have got their front-press where technically they are moving forward and it becomes a little bit difficult.

When English players used to come to Australia they would struggle as well because they were on the front-foot. In Australia you want to ride the bounce, to get on to the back-foot so you are able to ride the bounce which is not what a lot of players are doing today. They are so much on the front-foot and not able to transfer their weight and get out of their way. As a batsman you tend to get a little bit locked.



See, Virat Kohli plays the bouncer so well because he has that back and across movement, so he is sort of waiting on the back-foot for that short ball. Dravid used to wait on the back-foot, back and across. Sachin Tendulkar had the minimal front press, therefore he was still balanced when he played the short ball. I think it is just a little technical thing which is why a lot of these people are getting hit on the helmet. You see most of the times, people getting hit on the helmet are in between the crease. You very seldom see anybody on the back-foot.

When someone's front foot is outside the crease and back foot inside, they will get hit. You will very seldom find a batsman getting hit if both his feet are inside the crease near the stumps. Because it has given the batsman that extra yard to either duck under the ball or sway out of the way. But that is what's not happening. That is the reason why they are getting hit.

Sunil Gavaskar, former Indian captain

Helmets have made players carefree

We've got to come up with some sort of better helmets. I got hit a few times but I can never remember being concussed. If you play enough cricket, you always get hit in the head. I don't know why it seems to be a more spate of head-knocks these days. Whether people are playing poorly with their techniques because they have a helmet on their head they feel safe. I was hit quite a few times, I don't recall being concussed ever. Whether I was lucky with that, I don't know.



Allan Border, Former Australia captain

Short-ball will definitely be used as a tactic: Hazlewood

Ahead of the four-match Test series against India, Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood maintained that bouncers are an integral part of their bowling plans, and can't really imagine a future where the bouncers could be banned due to the risk involved. "I think it's here to stay, to be honest," Hazlewood told the Sydney Morning Herald. "Whether it's top-order players (or lower-order batsmen)... I know when I go out to bat that's what I'm facing. I think it's an integral part of the game. We're obviously not intending to hurt anyone, it's about getting the wickets and cleaning up that tail as quick as we can. If that's the best option we'll probably go down that path."



'Bring it on' - Australia plot India's downfall under Adelaide lights

Top-ranked Australia are plotting revenge in their first day-night Test against fellow powerhouse India Thursday, as both teams grapple with injuries and selection dilemmas



Virat Kohli must lead from the front

Virat Kohli's men clinched their maiden series in Australia in 2018-19, triumphing 2-1, but the hosts were without leading batsmen Steve Smith and David Warner, who were serving year-long bans for ball-tampering. Smith, the world's number one batsman, is back and in form, although in a massive blow Warner has been ruled out of the opening Test with a groin injury. "It's a great rivalry... bring it on," Australia coach Justin Langer said ahead of day one at Adelaide Oval, where more than 20,000 fans — 50 percent capacity, due to coronavirus restrictions — are expected. "We have a very senior team now and can't wait to get the show on the road." AFP

Advantage Australia

- ▶ Despite losing the last series, Australia head into the four-Test showdown, where the Border-Gavaskar trophy and ICC World Test Championship points are at stake, with an apparent advantage before a ball is bowled. They are the world's most successful team in day-night Tests, having played seven and won all, including four in Adelaide.
- ▶ In contrast India, who were long reluctant to embrace the concept, remain novices, playing just one day-night Test in Kolkata last year. They thrashed Bangladesh in just over two days, limiting their exposure to twilight conditions where visibility can be an issue and the ball tends to swing as the sun sinks.
- ▶ Ajinkya Rahane, who will assume the captaincy when Kohli leaves, is a lock in the middle order alongside Vihari. But their opening combination remains in flux. Prithvi Shaw and Mayank Agarwal are the current openers but Shubman Gill's composed 65 under lights in the warm up gave selectors plenty to ponder.

Arsenal players must take blame for 'terrible' form: Tierney



Arsenal defender Kieran Tierney says the players must take responsibility for the club's "terrible" form after the Gunners lost a fourth home Premier League game in a row. Burnley recorded their first-ever win at the Emirates as a Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang own goal secured a 1-0 victory for the visitors after Granit Xhaka was sent off for the hosts. The result leaves Mikel Arteta's side just five points clear of the relegation zone and without a Premier League win since November 1. AFP

It's not good enough. There is no way to disguise it. It's terrible, to be honest. It's not what we are, not where we are as a club.
Kieran Tierney

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1: Which of the following wicketkeepers hold the record of most stumpings in a career in One Day Internationals?
a) Moin Khan b) MS Dhoni
c) Kumar Sangakkara d) Romesh Kaluwitharana

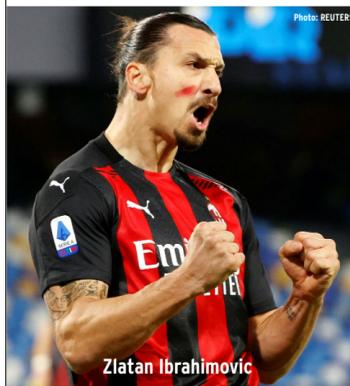
Q2: In the historic boxing event Rumble in Jungle, which of the following heavyweight champions did Muhammad Ali challenge?
a) George Foreman b) Mike Tyson
c) Joe Frazier d) Larry Holmes

Q3: Which of the following players holds the record of highest partnership in Test cricket?
a) Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene b) Andrew Jones and Martin Crowe
c) Sanath Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama d) Bill Ponsford and Don Bradman

Q4: Which of the following players holds the record of highest overall runs partnership by openers in One Day Internationals?
a) Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma
b) Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes
c) Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden

d) Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar

Q5: In which year did Zlatan Ibrahimovic win FIFA Puskás Award for Goal of the Year for his bicycle kick against England?
a) 2010 b) 2011 c) 2012 d) 2013



Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Q6: Which of the following players holds the record of most wickets in ICC Men's T20 World Cup?
a) Ajantha Mendis b) Shahid Afridi
c) Lasith Malinga d) Saeed Ajmal

Q7: Who is the first African Premier League goals?
a) Sadio Mané b) Lakhdar Belloumi
c) Roger Milla d) Didier Drogba

Q8: Who founded the Women's Sports Foundation in 1974 to increase opportunities for female participation in sports?
a) Martina Navratilova b) Steffi Graf
c) Billie Jean King d) Martina Hingis

Q9: Which of the following players holds the record

of most runs in a debut match in Women's ODIs?
a) Lynne Thomas b) Nicole Bolton
c) Mithali Raj d) Reshma Gandhi

Q10: Which of the following players have won an all-time record 31 Grand Slam women's doubles titles?
a) Martina Navratilova b) Steffi Graf
c) Martina Hingis d) Monica Seles

Q11: Who is Chelsea's all-time leading goalscorer with 211 goals in all competitions?
a) Ray Wilkins b) Frank Lampard
c) Ron Harris d) Ashley Cole

ANSWERS: 1 b) MS Dhoni 2 a) George Foreman 3 a) Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene 4 d) Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar 5 d) 2013 6 b) Shahid Afridi 7 d) Didier Drogba 8 c) Billie Jean King 9 a) Lynne Thomas 10 a) Martina Navratilova 11 b) Frank Lampard